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LOIS LANE
SIGH!! MY DAYS AS SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND ARE OVER! SINCE I'VE BEEN TURNED INTO A SUPER-FILLY, MY FUTURE IS WITH SUPERHORSE!
YES, STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THAT FLYING FILLY IS NONE OTHER THAN GIRL REPORTER LOIS LANE, CHANGED INTO A STEED OF STEEL! IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE MARE OF MIGHT, YOU'LL FIND ALL THE FACTS IN THIS TALE OF...
"THE UNBREAKABLE SPELL!"
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ONE DAY, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE COVERS A HOT ASSIGNMENT...
I DAWDLED TOO LONG ON THIS DESERT SIGHT-SEEING TRIP! GOT TO GET BACK TO SATELLITE CITY IN TIME FOR THE ROCKET TEST.
THEY'RE TO FLY THAT BIG BIRD THROUGH AN ARTIFICIAL COMET! SUPERMAN WILL HURL IT FROM SPACE, TO TEST THE CONTROLS IN CASE OUR ASTRONAUTS EVER ENCOUNTER A REAL COMET!
50 MILES TO SATELLITE CITY
SEE THE TEST OF THE MARS-SHOOT ROCKET TODAY!
DESERT PALMS MOTEL
BUT SOON...
WHAT SCORCHING HEAT! I FEEL LIKE AN OVER-DONE BARBECUE! AND THIS JEEP I BORROWED FROM MY MOTEL HAS NO TOP!
PRESENTLY...
OF ALL THE LUCK! THE ENGINE OVERHEATED!... THE JEEP STALLED!
WAIT! I THINK THERE'S A TOWN IN THE DISTANCE...OR COULD IT BE A MIRAGE?
AS LOIS STAGGERS ACROSS THE SAND...
?GASP! THE SUN'S LIKE A BLOW-TORCH...CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS... I'M BLACKING OUT...
A SHADOW... MOVING DOWN TOWARD ME! MUST BE A BUZZARD... WAITING FOR ME TO DIE! LOIS, BABY, THIS COULD BE IT!
SUDDENLY...
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IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
NO... IT'S SOME FLYING CREATURE WITH A CAPE!
I MUST BE DELIRIOUS... PROBABLY THINKING UNCONSCIOUSLY OF SUPERMAN... HOPING HE'LL SAVE ME!
THEN, LIKE A SHIMMERING PHANTASM...
IT'S A HORSE... KNEELING!... WANTS ME TO CLIMB ON HIS BACK... AM I DREAMING ALL THIS?
NO, LOIS, IT'S NO DREAM! YOU'RE BEING RESCUED BY COMET, THE MIGHTY SUPERHORSE!
AM I REALLY FLYING?
IT'S LOIS LANE, THE GIRL SUPERMAN LOVES... AND NO WONDER! SHE'S LOVELY! I WAS WITH SOME WILD HORSES IN THE HILLS WHEN MY TELEPATHIC POWER DETECTED HER MENTAL DISTRESS!
SHORTLY...
HE FLEW ME BACK... TO MY MOTEL!
MY PSYCHIC POWER TELLS ME THAT LOIS IS STAYING HERE. I'LL LEAVE HER IN THE COOL SHADE OF A TREE, WHERE SHE'LL RECOVER HER SENSES.
AS THE STEED OF STEEL FLIES OFF...
A FLYING HORSE? I MUST BE OFF MY ROCKER!
THE LAST THING I REMEMBER, I WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE A TELE-PHOTO SHOT OF A SPACECRAFT GOING THROUGH A COMET...
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TOO LATE, LOIS! AT THAT MOMENT, A HUNDRED MILES UP..
MARS-SHOOT TO CONTROL! PASSING THROUGH TAIL OF SUPERMAN'S ARTIFICIAL COMET ON SCHEDULE! NO TROUBLE WITH INSTRUMENTS! ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!
THE GIANT FRAMEWORK IN THE HEAD OF THE "COMET" EMITS LUMINOUS GASES WHICH EXACTLY SIMULATE THE EFFECTS OF A REAL COMET. Ed.

MEANWHILE, OUT ON THE DESERT...
WHAT'S THIS? A COMET IN EARTH'S VICINITY!
I REMEMBER NOW! SUPERMAN WAS DUE TO LAUNCH AN ARTIFICIAL COMET! BUT LOIS' BEAUTY KNOCKED ALL THOUGHTS OUT OF MY HEAD!

I MUST LAND! BECAUSE OF A SPELL ONE CAST OVER ME, MY SUPER-BODY UNDERGOES A WEIRD CHANGE WHENEVER A COMET PASSES NEAR EARTH!

I CAN'T LET ANYONE SEE MY TRANSFORMATION, OR MY SECRET WOULD BE REVEALED! I'LL HIDE IN THAT GHOST TOWN, NEAR THE SPOT WHERE I FOUND LOIS!

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
THIS OLD THEATER COULD BE JUST THE SPOT I'M LOOKING FOR!
I'D BETTER SLIP INSIDE. I CAN FEEL MY BODY BEGINNING TO CHANGE.
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IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN! THE OLD-TIMERS WHO USED TO COME HERE NEVER SAW ANYTHING TO MATCH THIS... A HORSE TURNING INTO A MAN!
NOW I'LL BE A NORMAL HUMAN... WITH NO SUPER-POWERS... UNTIL THAT COMET LEAVES EARTH'S VICINITY!
PRESENTLY, BACKSTAGE...
IN MY HUMAN IDENTITY, I'LL NEED CLOTHES.
AH! JUST AS I'D HOPED! THIS DRESSING-ROOM HAS SOME CAST-OFF COSTUMES LEFT HERE BY ACTORS LONG AGO!
I'LL NEED FOOD AND LODGING... AND MONEY TO PAY FOR THEM!
HMM... THIS ABANDONED CHEST OF MAGICIAN'S TRICKS COULD HELP ME EARN MY WAY. SUCH FAKE "MAGIC" IS SIMPLE FOR SOMEONE WHO'S VISITED THE SORCERERS' PLANET, ZEROX!
THAT EVENING, AT THE SWANK DESERT PALMS MOTEL...
HEY! THAT'S THE JEEP ONE OF MY GUESTS ABANDONED WHEN IT OVERHEATED! WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
I FOUND IT... ER... JUST AS MY HORSE GAVE OUT! THE MOTOR COOLED OFF WHEN THE SUN WENT DOWN, SO I BROUGHT IT HERE!
MY NAME'S BILL BIRON. I HAVE A MAGIC SHOW THAT WOULD WOW YOUR GUESTS!
I OWE YOU A FAVOR FOR RETURNING THAT JEEP! I'LL GIVE YOU A TRYOUT DURING THE DINNER SHOW. IF YOU CLICK, I'LL BOOK YOU FOR A WEEK!
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LATER, LOIS IS ONE OF THE GUESTS WHO WATCH BIRON PERFORM...
BANG! BANG!
THAT HANDSOME MAGICIAN HAS A GREAT ACT! HE'S DAZZLING THE AUDIENCE BY SHOOTING THOSE GLASS BALLS BLINDFOLDED!
TINKLE
AND WITH A TWIRL OF HIS BATON, HE MADE THAT BOWL OVERFLOW WITH COINS!
THEN, THE CLIMAX...
TERRIFIC! NOW BIRON IS "DEFYING GRAVITY." IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S FLOATING IN MID-AIR, BY SIMPLY LEANING HIS ELBOW ON THAT POST. HE'S A SOCKO SMASH!
AS THE ACT ENDS...
NORMALLY, ENTERTAINERS DON'T EAT WITH THE GUESTS...BUT SINCE THE OTHER TABLES ARE ALL TAKEN, WOULD YOU MIND SHARING YOURS WITH BIRON, MISS LANE?
I'D BE DELIGHTED!
BIRON IS EVEN HANDSOMER CLOSE-UP!
A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE, BIRON. BUT YOUR STUNTS DIDN'T FOOL ME.
IN THAT BLINDFOLD ACT, YOU USED BLANK CARTRIDGES, BUT THOSE GLASS BALLS WERE SO THIN THEY SHATTERED AT THE SOUND OF THE PISTOL!
HMM! CLEVER GUESSWORK! TELL ME MORE!
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"THE COINS IN THAT BOWL CAME FROM YOUR HOLLOW BATON. A JET OF SMOKE FROM THE HINGED KNOB COVERED UP YOUR SLEIGHT-OF-HAND."
"AND WHEN YOU WERE "DEFYING GRAVITY," YOU WERE ACTUALLY BEING SUPPORTED BY A HIDDEN STEEL HARNESS, WHICH LOCKED ONTO THE VERTICAL POST ON THE STAGE."
SO YOU'RE BRILLIANT AS WELL AS BEAUTIFUL! HOW DID YOU LEARN THE TRICKS OF MY TRADE, MISS LANE?
IT'S SIMPLE! AS A NEWS REPORTER, I ONCE COVERED A MAGICIANS' CONVENTION!
MR. BIRON, YOU SEEM TO BE A MASTER OF MAGIC AND ILLUSION! TELL ME, DO YOU BELIEVE THERE COULD BE SUCH A THING AS A FLYING HORSE?
PERHAPS, MISS LANE!
SHE'D FLIP IF SHE KNEW I WAS THE FLYING HORSE WHO RESCUED HER! SHE'D NEVER BELIEVE THAT...
"AGES AGO, IN ANCIENT GREECE, I WAS A CENTAUR... IN LOVE WITH THE SORCERESS CIRCE..."
HOW BEAUTIFUL SHE IS! IF ONLY I WERE A HUMAN, I'D BE FREE TO TELL HER MY LOVE!
"THEN, ONE DAY, WHEN A RIVAL WIZARD TRIED TO POISON THE POOL WHERE MY BELOVED CIRCE ALWAYS DRANK..."
IT'S THAT EVIL MALDOR! HE'S SO JEALOUS OF CIRCE'S TALENTS THAT HE WANTS TO DESTROY HER! BUT MY ARROW SHATTERED THE VIAL OF POISON!
EEEEEYYY AAAHHH
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"CIRCE HAPPENED TO BE WATCHING... AND AS MALDOR FLED..."
BIRON! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! HOW CAN I REWARD YOU?
BY GRANTING MY DEAREST WISH! USE YOUR POWERS TO TURN ME INTO A HUMAN BEING!
"FOR DAYS, CIRCE MIXED HER HERBS AND BREWS... THEN..."
THESE VIALS CONTAIN MY MOST POWERFUL POTIONS! ONE BREW WOULD TRANSFORM YOU INTO A HORSE! BUT DRINK THIS ELIXIR, MY HANDSOME ONE, AND YOU WILL BECOME A MAN!
"HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO CIRCE, THE DIABOLICAL MALDOR HAD SWITCHED THE POTIONS... AND AS I DRANK..."
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO MY FACE! IT'S GETTING LONGER... MY ARMS ... THEY'RE DISAPPEARING!
MAY THE GODS HELP YOU, BIRON! I GAVE YOU THE WRONG VIAL!
AND THERE IS NO ANTIDOTE! HA, HA!
"TO ATONE FOR HER ERROR, CIRCE CREATED ANOTHER MAGIC BREW..."
DRINK THIS POTION! IT WILL GIVE YOU THE POWERS OF THE OLYMPIAN GODS... AND THEIR IMMORTALITY, AS WELL! YOU WILL BE ABLE TO "TALK" BY TELEPATHY!
"BUT THE EVIL WIZARD WAS WATCHING FROM THE NEARBY FOREST..."
BY GIVING BIRON SUPER-POWERS, CIRCE HAS SPOILED MY REVENGE! I'M NOT THROUGH YET, THOUGH!
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"MALDOR SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF THE EVIL SOOTHSAYER WHO HAD TAUGHT HIM BLACK MAGIC..."
SINCE BIRON WAS BORN A CENTAUR, HIS FATE IS CONTROLLED BY THE SIGN OF SAGITTARIUS!
SPRINKLE THE POWDER IN THIS BOX ON BIRON! ITS POWER WILL EXILE HIM TO THE CONSTELLATION SAGITTARIUS... FOREVER!
"ONE NIGHT, I AWOKE TO A WEIRD INCANTATION..."
BY THIS MAGIC DUST AND ENCHANTED RHYME, YOU ARE DOOMED TO THE STARS TILL THE END OF TIME.
"THE SPELL HURLED ME INTO THE REMOTE DEPTHS OF SPACE, WHERE..."
SOME POWERFUL ENERGY IS DRAGGING ME TO THAT DISTANT WORLD! MY NEW SUPER-POWERS ARE HELPLESS TO RESIST!
"FOR CENTURIES, I WAS IMPRISONED ON A LONELY ASTEROID BY AN INDESTRUCTIBLE MAGIC AURA...THEN, ONE DAY, MY TELEPATHIC VISION DETECTED..."
A STRANGE MISSILE APPROACHING ...WITH A GIRL INSIDE!
"THAT ROCKET, WHICH WAS BRINGING SUPERGIRL TO EARTH, WAS EQUIPPED WITH METEOR REPELLER RAYS! WHEN THEY STRUCK MY ASTEROID PRISON..."
THOSE REPELLER RAYS SHATTERED THE MAGIC AURA WHICH HELD ME PRISONER! I'M FREE!
ZZZAAAPPP!
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"IN GRATITUDE FOR MY RELEASE, I FOLLOWED SUPERGIRL TO EARTH, WHERE I LATER JOINED HER AND BEGAN MY CAREER AS SUPERHORSE!"
THAT'S IT, COMET! YOU TOW THE SHIP WHILE I CLEAR A CHANNEL TO SAFETY THROUGH THESE ICEBERGS!
HANG ON, COMET! THE STORM SNAPPED THESE CABLES... SO IT'S UP TO US TO SUPPORT THE BRIDGE!
SUDDENLY, BIRON'S REVERIE IS SHATTERED...
BIRON, WHAT'S WRONG?
HATRED... I FEEL DIABOLICAL HATRED FLOODING THIS ROOM! BUT I'M NEVER TELEPATHIC WHEN I'M HUMAN!... MAYBE IT'S SOME WEIRD SIDE-EFFECT OF THE ARTIFICIAL COMET!
IT'S THOSE TWO DINERS! MY MENTAL POWERS TELL ME THEY HATE LOIS... THEY PLAN TO KILL HER!
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I LEARNED THAT SHE SHOULD KNOW! I MUST WARN HER!
LOIS! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SOMETHING! TODAY, WHEN YOU WERE STRANDED IN THE DESERT... IT WAS BECAUSE YOUR JEEP WAS SABOTAGED!
I THINK IT WAS THAT ELDERLY COUPLE WHO DID IT! THEY PLAN TO KILL YOU!
WH-WHAT???
IS THIS A GAG? WHY, THOSE TWO LOOK ABOUT AS DANGEROUS AS TWO TURTLE-DOVES! THEY'RE PROBABLY HERE ON THEIR SECOND HONEYMOON!
TURTLE DOVES? COBRAS WOULD BE MORE LIKE IT! WAIT! I'LL PROVE I'M RIGHT!
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EXCUSE ME! I COULDN'T HELP ADMIRING YOU LOVEBIRDS! PLEASE ACCEPT THESE FLOWERS WITH MY COMPLIMENTS!
THE OLD "BOUQUET IN THE COATSLEEVE" BIT! WHAT DOES HE HOPE TO PROVE WITH THAT?
SNEEZING POWDER YET! IF BIRON THINKS THAT CORNY ROUTINE IS FUNNY...
AHHHH CHOOO!
TALK ABOUT FLIPPING YOUR WIG! THOSE TWO WERE WEARING DISGUISES!
IT'S DR. TOLIN AND HIS WIFE. CLARK KENT AND I HELPED CONVICT THEM FOR STEALING MILITARY SECRETS! I HEARD THEY WERE OUT ON PAROLE.
BY CARRYING THIS GUN, THEY VIOLATED THAT PAROLE. I'M SURE THEY MEANT TO KILL YOU!
AFTER THE POLICE ARRIVE...
FOOL! WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL LOIS LANE WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE? WHY DID YOU HAVE TO WAIT AFTER OUR SABOTAGE SCHEME FAILED?
BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET THAT RAT, CLARK KENT, TOO! HE'S SUPPOSED TO JOIN THE LANE GIRL HERE TOMORROW...TO HELP HER COVER THE ROCKET TEST!
MEANWHILE...
BRRR! I'M S-STILL SH-SHAKING! HOW DID YOU KNOW THEY PLANNED TO KILL ME? ARE YOU A MIND-READER?
LOUNGE
COME OUT HERE WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE, LOIS! I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU... A SECRET I'VE NEVER REVEALED TO ANYONE!
BIRON IS MY IDENTITY ONLY WHILE I'M HUMAN! ACTUALLY, IN MY NORMAL SHAPE, I'M SUPERHORSE!
S-SUPERHORSE! LOOK, BIRON, YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR LIVING MIND!
LET ME EXPLAIN!

BRIEFLY, BIRON RECOUNTS HIS FABULOUS STORY...
...AND WHEN I BEFRIENDED PRINCE ENDOR, OF THE SORCERERS' PLANET, HE USED HIS MAGIC TO MAKE ME HUMAN!
THE CHANGE IS ONLY TEMPORARY! BUT IT WILL RECUR WHENEVER A COMET PASSES EARTH! YOU WILL BECOME HUMAN, BUT LOSE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ME... AND TOLD ME SECRETS WHICH NOT EVEN SUPERMAN OR SUPERGIRL KNOWS! WHY?
BECAUSE...IN THE SHORT TIME I'VE KNOWN YOU... I'VE LEARNED TO LOVE YOU!
BIRON... YOU'RE SWEET! MMM!
THIS IS WILD! MAYBE HE'S SUPERHORSE, BUT THIS HANDSOME, HUMAN IDENTITY OF HIS REALLY TURNS ME ON.
OH, WHAT'S THE USE? THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING BETWEEN US! WHEN THAT COMET LEAVES EARTH'S VICINITY, I'LL BECOME A HORSE AGAIN... A FOUR-LEGGED SUPER-BEAST!
BIRON... ISN'T THERE SOME CHANCE FOR YOU TO CHANGE PERMANENTLY?
A CHANCE? PERHAPS! ...WITH CIRCE'S HELP! SHE LIVES IN THE DISTANT PAST, BUT SHE TAUGHT ME A SPELL TO USE IF EVER I WANT TO REACH HER! COME, LOIS... LET'S TRY!
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AT A NEARBY DESERT SPRING, BIRON CHANTS AN EERIE SPELL...
LET THIS STREAM BE AS THE STREAM OF TIME! LET CIRCE HEAR MY MAGIC RHYME!
WILL CIRCE REALLY HEAR HIM IN THE DISTANT PAST?

CIRCE... PITY ME! USE YOUR MAGIC TO CHANGE ME INTO A HUMAN... SO I CAN MARRY LOIS, THE GIRL I LOVE.
UNCANNY! I CAN ALMOST HEAR BIRON'S PLEAS ECHOING DOWN THROUGH TIME... PLEASE ANSWER HIM, CIRCE!

NO ANSWER.. THAT MEANS SHE CAN'T HELP ME! I'M DOOMED TO REMAIN HALF-MAN, HALF-BEAST!
WELL, I MUST GET BACK TO THE HOTEL FOR MY NEXT PERFORMANCE!
BIRON, WE MUSTN'T GIVE UP HOPE!

BUT AS BIRON AND LOIS WALK AWAY...
CIRCE WAS AWAY FROM HER CAVE, SO SHE DIDN'T HEAR BIRON'S CRY FOR HELP! BUT I, MALDOR, HEARD AND USED MY MAGIC WAND TO JOURNEY HERE FROM THE PAST!
MAYBE I CAN STRIKE AT MY FOE, BIRON, AGAIN! HA, HA!
WHAT MALICIOUS MISCHIEF DOES MALDOR HAVE IN MIND? WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH THE FULL DETAILS IN PART II!

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THE CHESTNUT MARE AIN'T WHAT SHE USED TO BE!
THEN, SLIPPING INTO THE MOTEL...
SO THIS LOIS LANE LOVES BIRON! SHE'S TOO BEAUTIFUL TO BE WASTED ON THAT HALF-HUMAN!
HMM! SHE ADMIRES HIS CHILDISH STUNTS, DOES SHE? ...I'LL SHOW HER WHAT REAL MAGIC IS!
BUT FIRST, I'LL CON LOIS BY TRANSFORMING MYSELF INTO A DOUBLE OF BIRON... JUST FOR KICKS!
POP!
MOMENTS LATER, THE FAKE BIRON FINDS LOIS...
BIRON!... DID YOU FINISH YOUR ACT SO SOON?
ER...I CUT IT SHORT, LOIS, DEAR. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU SOME NEW MAGIC TRICKS I'VE JUST DEVISED.
SHORTLY...
LOOK... A TOUCH OF MY WAND AND THAT QUIET DESERT SPRING BECOMES A FIERY WATERFALL!
TERRIFIC! IT LOOKS LIKE A FOUNTAIN OF FIRE-WORKS!
THEN... AS THE WAND WAVES AGAIN AND AGAIN...
THAT PALM TREE... IT SEEMED TO TURN INTO A LIVING JEWEL! AND THOSE CACTUS PLANTS BURST INTO BLOOM WITH THE TOUCH OF YOUR WAND!
HOW DID YOU CREATE THOSE FANTASTIC ILLUSIONS, BIRON, DARLING?
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POWFF!
WHAT ILLUSIONS? YOU REALLY THINK THAT OAF, BIRON, COULD DO SUCH FEATS WITH HIS FAKE MAGIC? TAKE ANOTHER LOOK! I AM MALDOR, THE GREATEST WIZARD OF THE AGES!
M-MALDOR? WHY, BIRON TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE HIS SWORN ENEMY!
FORGET BIRON, MY LOVELY ONE. MY SUPER-MAGIC COULD LAY THE TREASURES OF THE EARTH AT YOUR FEET!
YOU MUST BE KIDDING, YOU CREEP! CRAWL BACK INTO YOUR HOLE AND PULL THE HOLE IN AFTER YOU!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO REJECT MALDOR!
LET HER WHO SCORNS ME TO MY FACE BE CHANGED TO ONE OF BIRON'S RACE!
WHAAAT?
IN THE NEXT INCREDIBLE INSTANT...
YIIIII! Y-YOU'VE CHANGED ME INTO A CENTAUR... LIKE BIRON ONCE WAS!
JUST A PASSING PHASE, MY DEAR. WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE NEXT PART OF YOUR TRANSFORMATION!
THEN, UNBELIEVABLY...
MY FACE... IT'S GETTING LONGER ... HEAVIER. I'M BECOMING A... HORSE! WHEE-HEE-HAUGH!
SINCE YOU PREFER THAT SUPER-FREAK, BIRON, TO ME, I'VE TURNED YOU INTO A SUPERHORSE, TOO... FOREVER! HA-HA!
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AS FURY SURGES THROUGH LOIS' EQUINE BRAIN...
CHANGE ME INTO AN ANIMAL, WILL YOU?
WHINNNYYY
HA, HA! MY MAGIC PROTECTS ME FROM YOUR RAGE! ALL YOU DID WAS DESTROY A PALM TREE WITH YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH.
THEN, A TELEPATHIC PLEA COMES FROM LOIS...
YOU'VE GOT YOUR REVENGE!... BUT WILL I ALWAYS REMAIN A SUPER-ANIMAL? WILL PASSING COMETS TURN ME HUMAN, EVEN TEMPORARILY ... LIKE BIRON?
NOTHING CAN RESTORE YOU TO NORMAL! MY SPELL IS UNBREAKABLE!
I'M RETURNING TO THE PAST! IT WILL BE FUN WATCHING YOUR ANTICS IN MY CRYSTAL BALL. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE BIRON'S FACE WHEN HE FINDS OUT WHAT I'VE DONE TO YOU.
THE HEARTLESS FIEND!
THAT NIGHT, AS THE NEW SUPERHORSE FINDS REFUGE IN THE MOTEL'S CORRAL...
POOR BIRON! HE'S BEEN SITTING UP ALL NIGHT... WORRIED SICK BECAUSE HE CAN'T FIND ME. BUT I HAVEN'T THE COURAGE TO SEND HIM A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE... AND TELL HIM THE TRUTH!
THEN, AT DAWN...
STRANGE! LOIS' TRACKS LEAD TO THIS SPRING... THEN THEY VANISH... AND ALL I SEE ARE TRACKS OF A HORSE!
MAYBE SHE WAS KIDNAPPED! I MUST FIND HER!
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NO, BIRON... THE ONE YOU LOVE IS NEARBY, TUNING IN ON YOU MENTALLY... BUT YOU'D NEVER RECOGNIZE HER...
HE'S SADDLING THAT HORSE TO LOOK FOR ME! THE POOR DARLING THINKS I'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED.
AS THE SUPERMARE WATCHES FROM AFAR...
BIRON'S BOUND TO GIVE UP THE SEARCH SOON, AND...
WHAT'S THIS? A STARVING WOLF-PACK... FOLLOWING BIRON INTO THAT DESERT CANYON!
THE WOLVES FRIGHTENED BIRON'S HORSE. HE'S BEING THROWN FROM THE SADDLE! THEY'LL KILL HIM!
OH, IF ONLY I WERE THERE TO HELP HIM!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? I'M A SUPERHORSE NOW ...WITH THE POWERS OF THE GODS, WHICH BIRON ONCE HAD!
I'M COMING, BIRON!
AS THE MIGHTY MARE STREAKS TO THE ATTACK...
THAT HORSE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE TO SAVE ME! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL... WHAT MAGNIFICENT COURAGE!
I'LL PROTECT YOU, BIRON, DEAR!
I MUST BE CAREFUL WITH MY HOOFS, THOUGH! LIKE SUPERMAN AND OTHER SUPER-BEINGS, I'LL NEVER USE MY POWERS TO KILL!
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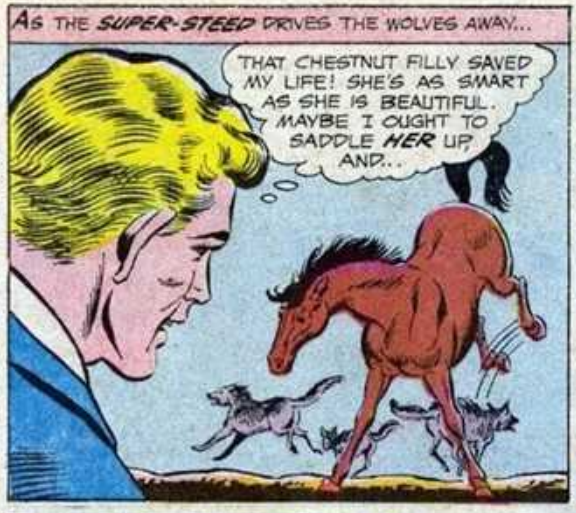
AS THE SUPER-STEED DRIVES THE WOLVES AWAY...
THAT CHESTNUT FILLY SAVED MY LIFE! SHE'S AS SMART AS SHE IS BEAUTIFUL. MAYBE I OUGHT TO SADDLE HER UP, AND...

BUT JUST THEN...
OH-OH! MY TELEPATHIC VISION HAS RETURNED! AND I CAN SEE SUPER-MAN'S ARTIFICIAL COMET LEAVING EARTH'S VICINITY!
I'M ABOUT TO CHANGE INTO SUPER-HORSE AGAIN! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF SIGHT!

PRESENTLY, IN AN ISOLATED ARROYO...
THE MAGIC SPELL... IT'S REVERSING ITSELF... TRANSFORMING MY HUMAN FEATURES TO THOSE OF SUPER-HORSE!
I WAS A FOOL TO DREAM I COULD HOLD ON TO MY BIRON IDENTITY.

BUT AT LEAST NOW I CAN USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO FIND LOIS. SHE MUST BE OUT HERE IN THE DESERT SOMEWHERE!
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WHAT HAPPENED TO BIRON? WHILE I WAS CHASING THOSE WOLVES, HE VANISHED!
HMM... AS A LONE HORSE I MAY AROUSE CURIOSITY! I THINK I'LL JOIN THIS HERD OF WILD MUSTANGS WHILE I HUNT FOR BIRON.
PRESENTLY, BIRON FINDS THE SAME HERD...
MY TELEPATHIC VISION CAN'T LOCATE LOIS ANYWHERE!
THIS BAND OF WILD HORSES WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT COVER FOR ME WHILE I CONTINUE MY SEARCH.
BUT SOON AFTERWARDS, ON A CANYON RIM...
MAN! THAT WHITE STALLION IS A BEAUT! I KNOW A RANCHER WHO'D PAY $5,000 FOR HIM!
THE STALLION DOESN'T COMPARE TO THAT CHESTNUT FILLY! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY ROPE ON HER! LET'S GO!
SOON, THE HORSE HUNTERS CLOSE IN...
YAHOO! I GOT THE WHITE ONE!
WEE HEE-HEE-HAUGH!
AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HERD...
WHINNEEEE!
DON'T FIGHT IT, YOU GORGEOUS CRITTER! THIS EXTRA-STRONG LARIAT IS TIED TO MY JEEP! YOU'RE MINE, AND YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT!
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THEN, IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
SO THAT COWPOKE THINKS HE JUST CAPTURED A WILD HORSE?
WHAUGHH!
HE DOESN'T REALIZE JUST HOW WILD THIS FILLY CAN BE. HA, HA!
YIIIII! A FLYING HORSE! AND SHE'S YANKING MY JEEP THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A TOY BALLOON!
JUST THEN...
GODS OF OLYMPUS! IT'S THE FILLY WHO SAVED ME FROM THOSE WOLVES! AND SHE'S SUPER!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT SUPER-FILLY CAME FROM, BUT SHE SURE HAS SOME GREAT IDEAS!
I THINK I'LL GIVE MY CAPTOR A LITTLE EXCITEMENT, TOO!
SOON, AT A CLUMP OF CACTUS...
AS THE OLD SONG GOES;--
WE'RE GONNA COMB THESE CREEPS RIGHT OUT OF OUR HAIR...
KRAMMMM
KABAMMM

THEN, ATOP A MESA...
WHO CAN THIS BEAUTIFUL SUPER-CREATURE BE? I'LL USE MY TELEPATHY TO READ HER THOUGHTS.
THIS SUPERHORSE MUST BE BIRON! I'LL TRY TO SPEAK TO HIM, MENTALLY!
BUT THE POWERFUL TELEPATHIC THOUGHT-WAVES CLASH, AND...
:ULP: MY MENTAL BEAM IS MEETING SOME KIND OF IMPENETRABLE FORCE!
STRANGE! I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH TO HER BRAIN WAVE-LENGTH!
BUT WHO CARES?...AS LONG AS I FINALLY MET UP WITH ANOTHER OF MY KIND!
OVERJOYED IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY, THE TWO SUPER-STEEDS FROLIC THROUGH THE SKIES...
A SUPER-SNOWBALL FIGHT, YET! I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THERE IS SOME FUN IN BEING A SUPERHORSE!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, ANOTHER SUPER-BEING STREAKS HIGH OVERHEAD...
NOW THAT MY ARTIFICIAL COMET IS EXTINGUISHED, I CAN BRING THE FRAME BACK TO THE ROCKET BASE AS A SOUVENIR.
SUDDENLY, DISASTER THREATENS...
A KRYPTONITE METEOR FLASHING BY!... SUDDENLY I CAN'T CONTROL MY FLIGHT PATH... I'M GETTING WEAK... WOBBLY...
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THE GREEN K METEOR RADIATIONS MUST HAVE REACTED ON THE UNSTABLE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE ARTIFICIAL COMET, TURNING IT INTO KRYPTONITE ...WHICH IS POISONOUS TO ME. I CAN'T FLY... I'M PLUMMETING TO EARTH!
A.
SECONDS LATER...
OH-NO! IT'S SUPERMAN... WEAKENED BY KRYPTONITE... IF THE FALL DOESN'T KILL HIM, THE GREEN K WILL!
I MUST HELP HIM!
B.
AS THE GROGGY SUPERMAN GAPES...
ME... SAVING SUPERMAN! WHAT A SWITCH!
SINCE I'M NOT FROM KRYPTON, THAT KRYPTONITE CAN'T AFFECT MY SUPER-POWERS... SO I CAN HELP SHOVE THIS GREEN K FAR OUT INTO SPACE!
AND AS THE CREATURE WHICH ONCE WAS LOIS STREAKS TO THE RESCUE...
IT'S SUPERMAN... UP TO HIS EARS IN TROUBLE!
HEY! THAT SUPER-FILLY MUST KNOW HIM! SHE'S RACING TO HELP HIM! GOOD! WE'LL HANDLE THIS TOGETHER!
BAM'M!
THUD!
C.
TWO SUPERHORSES? I MUST BE DELIRIOUS... SUFFERING FROM SHOCK!
D.

THEN, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE CAPED KRYPTONIAN HEARS AN EERIE VOICE ECHO FROM THE NEARBY STREAM...
SUPERMAN... THIS IS CIRCE, SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH THE STREAM OF TIME!
THE WHITE STALLION IS THE REAL SUPERHORSE! THE CHESTNUT SUPER-STEED IS LOIS LANE!
YOU MEAN SHE'LL NEVER BE HUMAN AGAIN?

FROM FAR BACK IN THE PAST, THE SORCERESS SPEAKS...
THERE IS ONE SLIM CHANCE! THE EVIL MALDOR TURNED LOIS INTO A SUPER-BEAST! HE THINKS HIS SPELL IS UNBREAKABLE... BUT I MAY HAVE A WAY...
I'M LISTENING!

SHORTLY, ON THE RIM OF SPACE...
WHAT'S GOING ON? SUDDENLY, I FEEL WEAK. I CAN'T CONTROL MY FLYING POWER...
I'D BETTER GET BACK TO EARTH! BIRON WILL CARRY THE KRYPTONITE INTO DEEP SPACE!

THEN, IN A CANYON, A FANTASTIC TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...
I'M CHANGING... TO A CENTAUR! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT MALDOR'S SPELL IS WEARING OFF?

AND WITHIN MIRACULOUS MOMENTS...
YES! IT'S FOR REAL! I'M A HUMAN BEING AGAIN! HOW WONDERFUL!
AND THAT RAINBOW! IT'S LIKE A GLORIOUS SYMBOL OF JOY!
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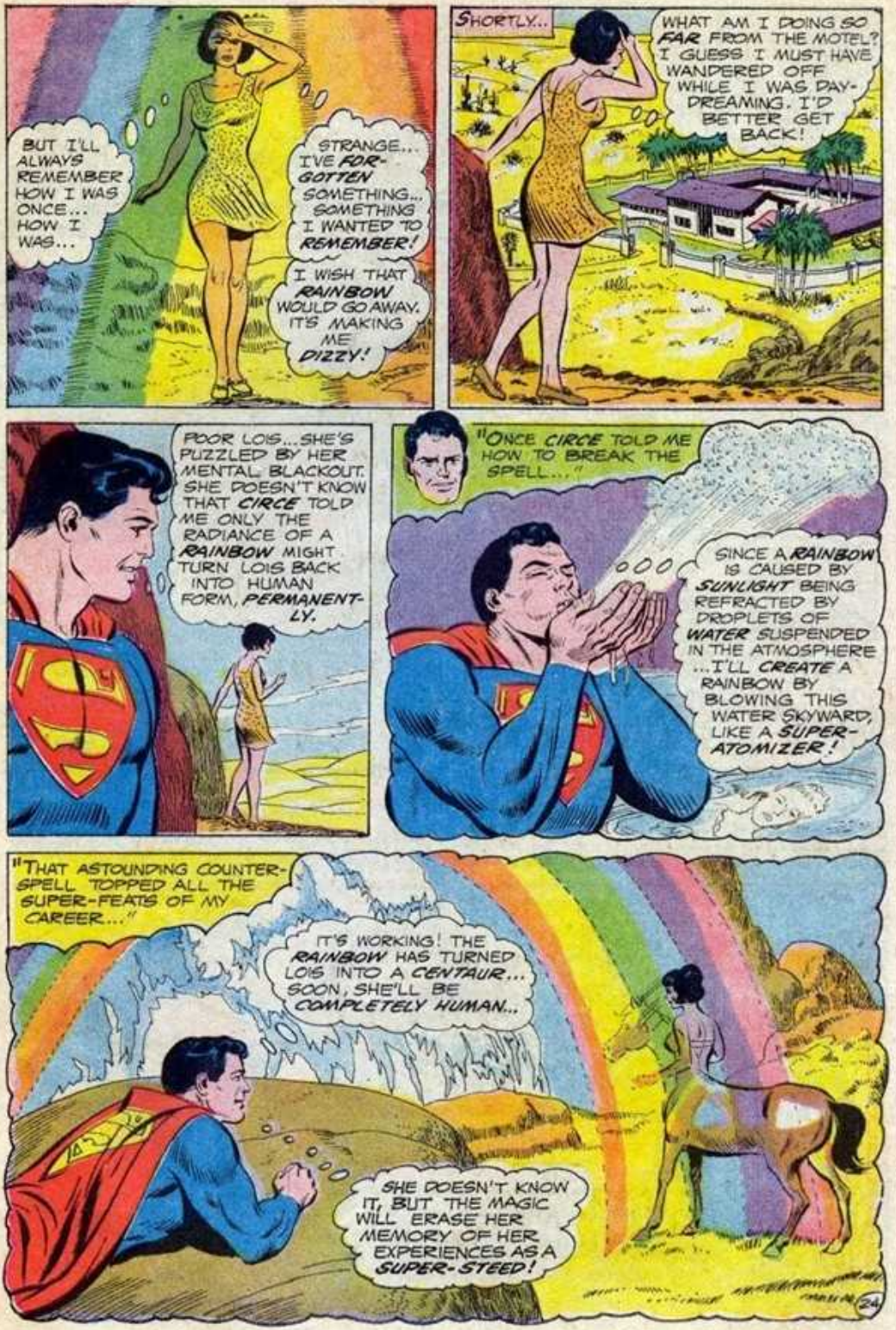
BUT I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW I WAS ONCE... HOW I WAS...
STRANGE... I'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING... SOMETHING I WANTED TO REMEMBER!
I WISH THAT RAINBOW WOULD GO AWAY. IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY!
SHORTLY...
WHAT AM I DOING SO FAR FROM THE MOTEL? I GUESS I MUST HAVE WANDERED OFF WHILE I WAS DAY-DREAMING. I'D BETTER GET BACK!
POOR LOIS... SHE'S PUZZLED BY HER MENTAL BLACKOUT. SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT CIRCE TOLD ME ONLY THE RADIANCE OF A RAINBOW MIGHT TURN LOIS BACK INTO HUMAN FORM, PERMANENTLY.
"ONCE CIRCE TOLD ME HOW TO BREAK THE SPELL..."
SINCE A RAINBOW IS CAUSED BY SUNLIGHT BEING REFRACTED BY DROPLETS OF WATER SUSPENDED IN THE ATMOSPHERE ...I'LL CREATE A RAINBOW BY BLOWING THIS WATER SKYWARD, LIKE A SUPER-ATOMIZER!
"THAT ASTOUNDING COUNTER-SPELL TOPPED ALL THE SUPER-FEATS OF MY CAREER..."
IT'S WORKING! THE RAINBOW HAS TURNED LOIS INTO A CENTAUR... SOON, SHE'LL BE COMPLETELY HUMAN...
SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT THE MAGIC WILL ERASE HER MEMORY OF HER EXPERIENCES AS A SUPER-STEED!
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LATER, AS BIRON...OR COMET... RETURNS FROM SPACE...
DESERT PALMS MOTEL
IT'S LOIS... BACK IN HER MOTEL! THANK THE GODS MY BELOVED ONE IS SAFE!
BUT WILL I EVER MEET HER AGAIN IN MY HUMAN IDENTITY?
MEANWHILE...
THAT'S RIGHT, MISS LANE! MR. BIRON NEVER BOTHERED TO CHECK OUT! HE SIMPLY VANISHED... GUESS HE'S JUST ANOTHER DRIFTER.
I-I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT!
ONLY I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM!
BIRON MUST HAVE REVERTED BACK TO HIS SUPERHORSE IDENTITY WHEN SUPERMAN'S COMET LEFT EARTH'S VICINITY! I WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
BIRON... WHEREVER YOU ARE, I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU... AND I'LL NEVER REVEAL YOUR SECRET IDENTITY.
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Dear Editor:

No. 89, featuring Lois as "The Bride of Batman," was simply super. But I have a question. Why didn't Superman try to get Lois back?

—Laura Young, San Francisco, Calif.

(He considered it. But after she married Bruce Wayne and had a son, Superman began to get the feeling that she meant it when she said it was all off between them.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In "The Bride of Batman," when Lois went to the Institute, she was told to take a place between Prof. Nichols and Kaye Dale. Two pages later, the authoress is called Kaye Daye. I think you made a boo-boo.

—Taina Edlund, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(This misspelling of Miss DAYE's name makes it DAWN on us that you're right.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

What happened to Maisie, way back in No. 84? She was due to get out of jail, but let Lois take her place, disguised as her. Did she ever get out?

—Marcia West, Fillmore, Ind.

(Yes, Maisie got out and now works for a large baking company. They wanted to make her a pretzel bender, but she decided to go "straight" and work in the lady-finger department.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I didn't like the idea in your recent imaginary story, of Lois and Bruce Wayne getting married. I think Lois should marry Superman and Lana Lang should marry Batman. —Charlotte Wilson, Mansfield, Ohio

(But think of the danger Lana would be in from Batman's enemies—especially Catwoman and Poison Ivy, both of whom want to marry the Caped Crusader themselves!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Issue No. 100 of LOIS LANE is just around the corner, and I would like to make four suggestions for what you might have in this issue. (1) It would make a nice number to change the title of the magazine to SUPERMAN'S WIFE, LOIS LANE. (2) It could answer the question of where Lana Lang has disappeared to. (3) It could contain any of the following stories—all reprints: the first tale Lois appeared in; the first one featuring Lana as an adult; a reprint from LOIS No. 1. (4) It could be a run-of-the-mill story which would show the issue was nothing special. DON'T DO THIS ONE, PLEASE!

—Barbara Reader, New Hyde Park, N.Y.

(WE WON'T! When we have a special issue, we want to make it REALLY special. We'll have some top surprises for No. 100—and remember, that's just eight issues away!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I have always liked to read DC comics, especially LOIS LANE. I love her modern hairdo and dresses, but you've gone too far! Don't make her look like a go-go dancer. Really, she's over 30!

—George Walker, Bronx, N.Y.

(Since she's been in comics for 31 years, that seems like a reasonable assumption. But that letter of yours has given us some ideas. Let's see... Lois as a go-go dancer... —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I'm all for Lois marrying Superman, but, for goodness' sake, not as Clark Kent! If she did marry him as Superman, then, even if she gained super-powers, she couldn't tell the world she was Mrs. Superman without revealing his identity.

—Sarah Heaner, Refugio, Tex.

(What makes you think she'd be apt to gain super-powers? Most readers seem to like a non-super Lois. But if she did get powers, she could adopt a double identity, just like her hubby, and be Mrs. Clark Kent as Lois, and Mrs. Superman as, say, Superwife.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the event Lois does marry Superman, her name would presumably be Lois-El (Kal-El being Superman's real name). It has a dignity that such a name as "Lois Superman" would lack.

—Michael N. Tierstein, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Well, that's how the people of the bottle-city of Kandor would probably know her—or would they? Come to think of it, we never established that Kryptonian women took their husbands' family names! Superman's mother wasn't called Lara-El.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Do you think Lois will every marry Superman? If she does, will it be a big wedding or a small one? By the way, give Lana Lang a haircut and a boy friend. —Helen H. Mar, Indianapolis, Ind.

(If Lois marries Superman, it will probably be the biggest wedding in the history of comics. As for Lana, you've told us what to get her for her birthday. Now —how do you gift-wrap a haircut?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Lois gets better every issue, and Wonder Woman is coming along fine. You people at DC are giving us the best super-heroine mags on the stands. Oh, I know you'll say Lois isn't super—and neither is Wonder Woman now. But I think they're super-great, and was glad to see W.W. guest-starring in Lois' mag. Any new plans for DC's super-femmes?

—Leah Brooke, Shawnee, Okla.

(There sure is—and the announcement will be made in the May issue of ACTION COMICS. So get it! —Ed.)

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